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# Bathurst Burr (*Xanthium Spinosum*) Powder—a New Natural Effective Adsorbent for Crystal Violet Dye Removal from Synthetic Wastewaters

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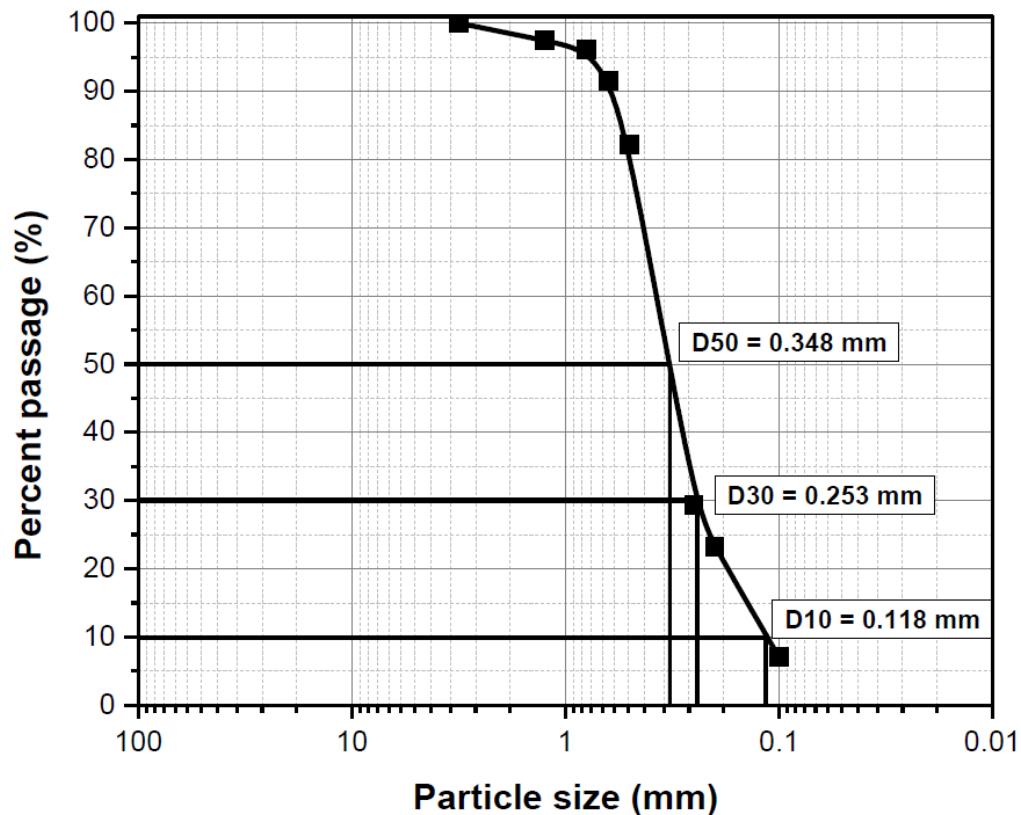
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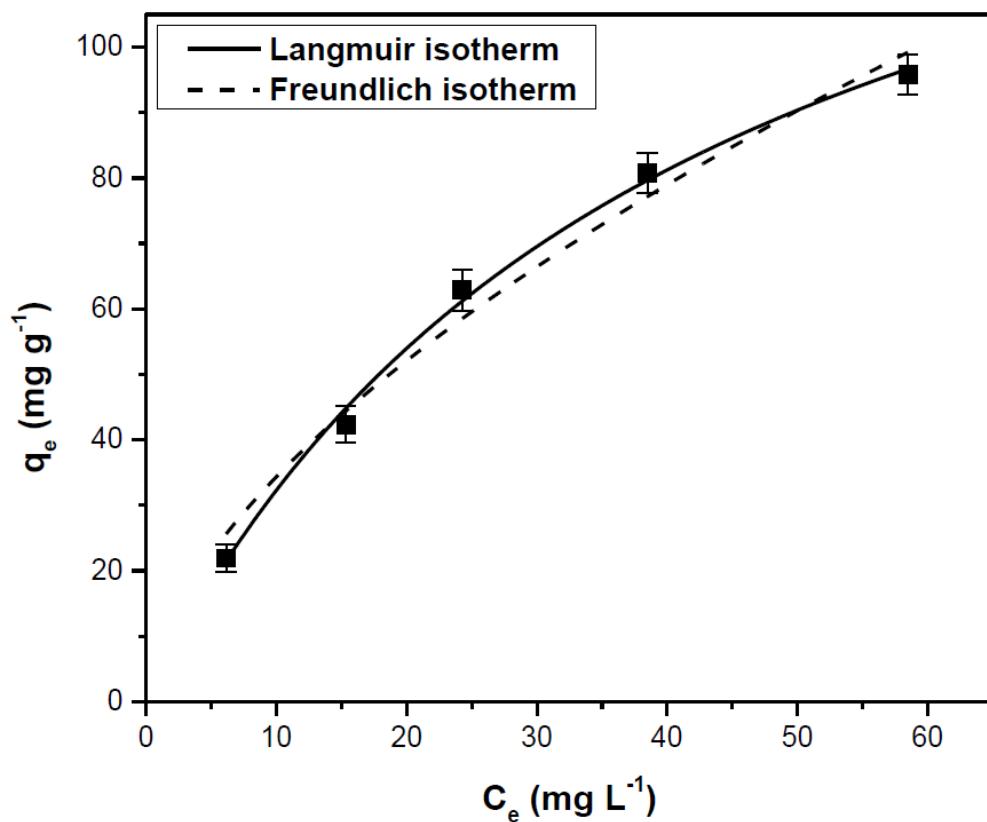
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**Table S1.** Experimental layout of L27 orthogonal array and results obtained for removal efficiency and S/N ratios.

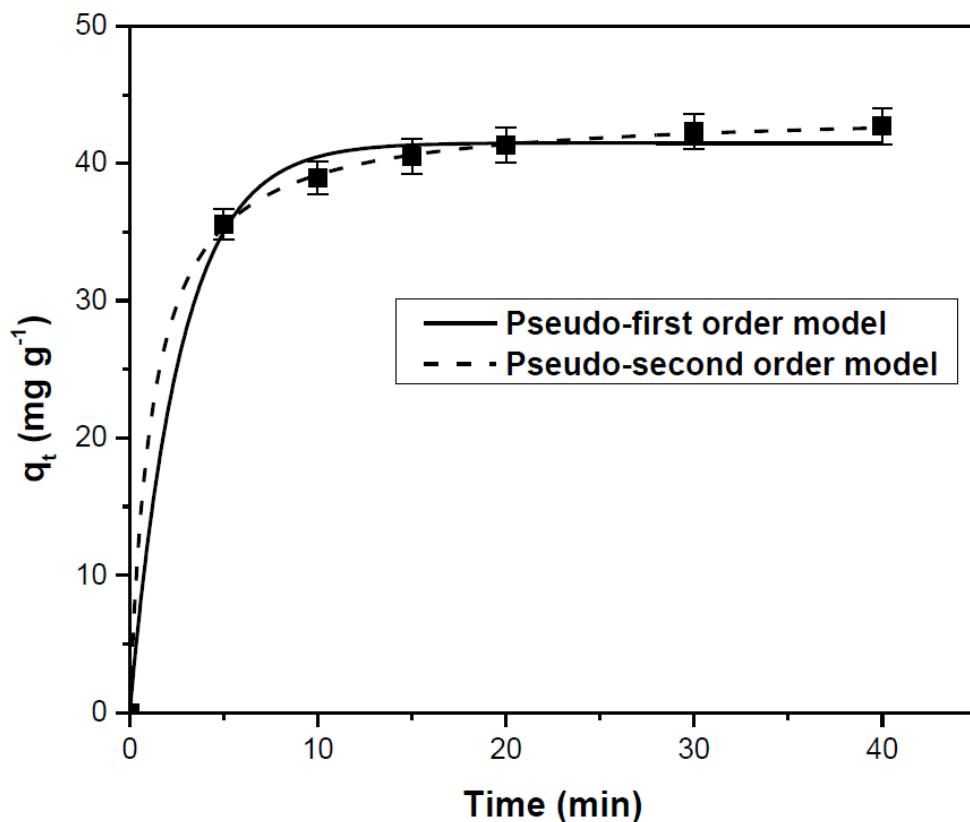
pH	Ionic Strength	Adsorbent Dose	Initial Dye Concentration	Time	Tempera-ture	Removal Efficiency	S/N Ratio
2	0	0.5	50	5	285	15.6	23.86
2	0	0.5	50	20	304	18.68	25.42
2	0	0.5	50	40	311	20.25	26.12
2	0.1	2	150	5	285	24.16	27.66
2	0.1	2	150	20	304	28.92	29.22
2	0.1	2	150	40	311	31.35	29.92
2	0.25	3	250	5	285	21.98	26.84
2	0.25	3	250	20	304	26.32	28.40
2	0.25	3	250	40	311	28.53	29.10
6	0	3	150	5	304	72.99	37.26
6	0	3	150	20	311	88.95	38.98
6	0	3	150	40	285	85.04	38.59
6	0.1	0.5	250	5	304	30.14	29.58
6	0.1	0.5	250	20	311	36.73	31.30
6	0.1	0.5	250	40	285	35.12	30.91
6	0.25	2	50	5	304	57.65	35.21
6	0.25	2	50	20	311	70.25	36.93
6	0.25	2	50	40	285	67.16	36.54
12	0	2	250	5	311	72.86	37.24
12	0	2	250	20	285	78.3	37.87
12	0	2	250	40	304	83.38	38.42
12	0.1	3	50	5	311	70.37	36.94
12	0.1	3	50	20	285	75.62	37.57
12	0.1	3	50	40	304	80.53	38.11
12	0.25	0.5	150	5	311	35.87	31.09
12	0.25	0.5	150	20	285	38.54	31.71
12	0.25	0.5	150	40	304	41.04	32.26



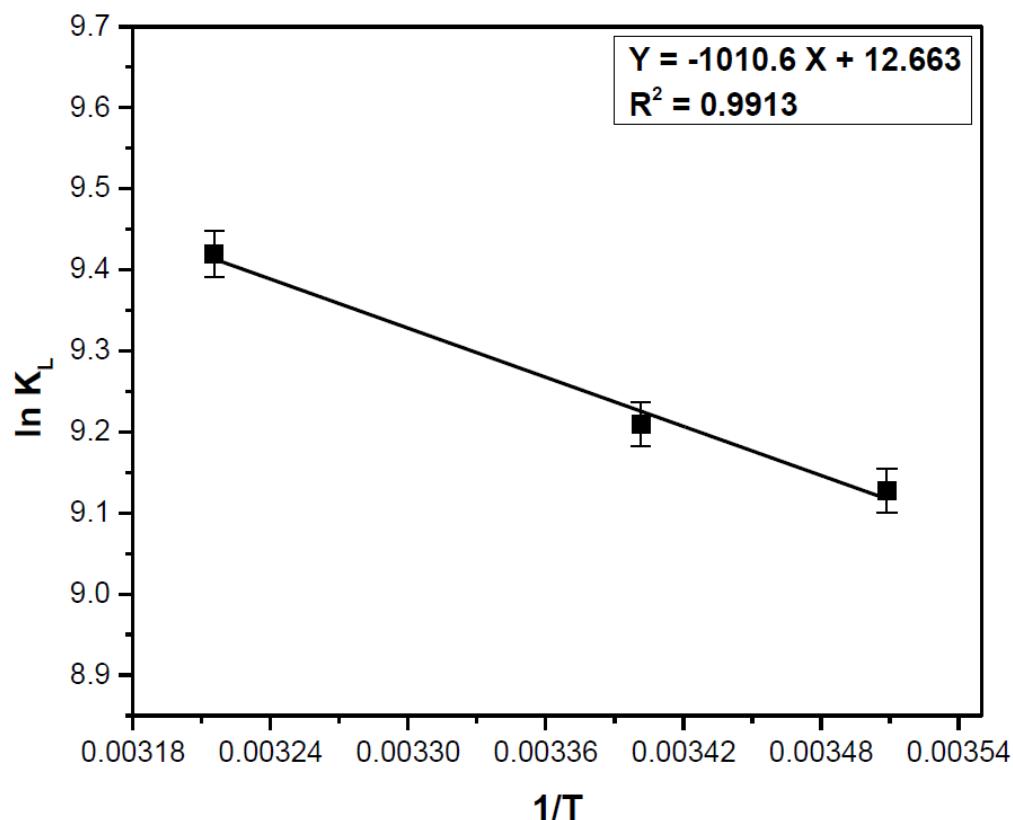
**Figure S1.** The particle size distribution of the bathurst burr powder.



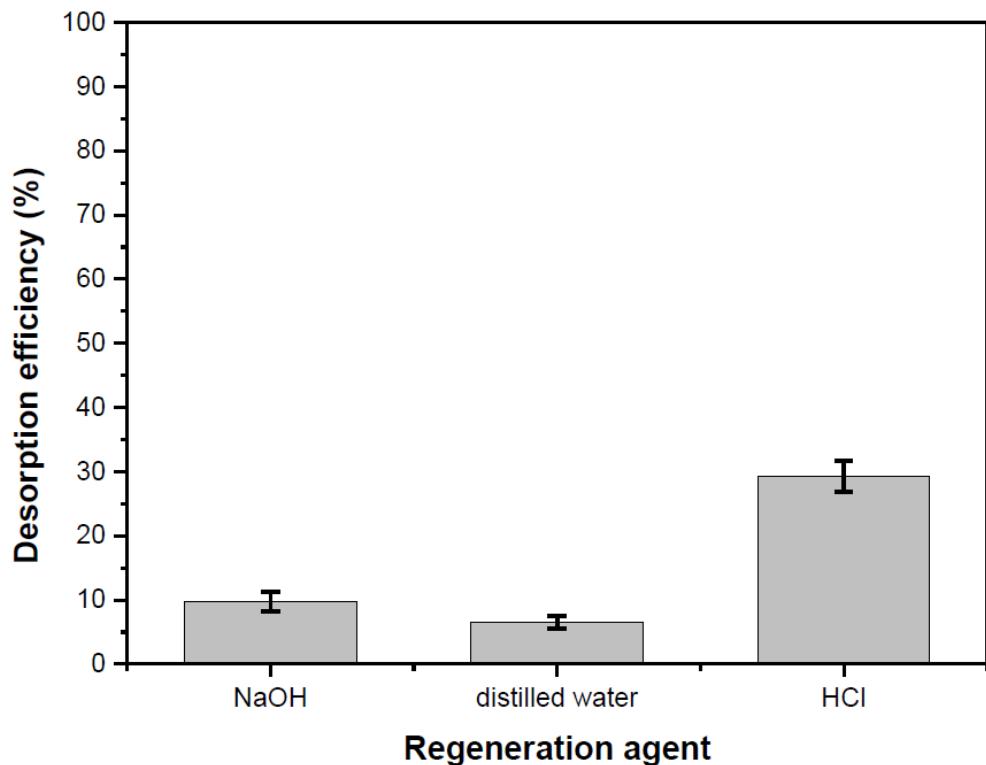
**Figure S2.** Langmuir and Freundlich adsorption isotherms (non-linear forms) for the crystal violet adsorption onto bathurst burr powder.



**Figure S3.** Pseudo-first-order and pseudo-second-order kinetic models (non-linear forms) for the crystal violet adsorption onto bathurst burr powder.



**Figure S4.** Plot of  $\ln K_L$  vs.  $1/T$  for the crystal violet adsorption onto bathurst burr powder.



**Figure S5.** The desorption efficiencies of crystal violet dye in different media.